



Cumberland Council

Post Specification

Date	June 2023
Post Group Number	5321
Post Title	Entry Level Practitioner
Job Family	People Care and Development
Job Family Role Profile	PCD8ii
Final Grade	Grade 9 (Inc JWC'S)

To be read in conjunction with the job family role profile

Service Area description

Adult Social Care

Purpose of this post

To work in a District or Locality team to undertake assessments and deliver appropriate person-centred support and outcomes for members of the public in Cumberland who have social care needs. To provide personalised support to individuals to optimise customers wellbeing and or skills. To work with stakeholders for better outcomes for customers. The practitioner will manage an agreed case load and be responsible for coordinating outcomes for the individual which promote independence, choice and control, whilst managing risk and operating within defined financial boundaries. The post holder will be expected to develop knowledge of the 'assets' within the local community and enable individuals to access 'natural' and preventative sources of support, as well as services from statutory agencies. A 'reablement' approach should be used to maximise the customers potential. Working within a multi-disciplinary and multi-agency environment, the post holder will develop the skills and competencies required in the delivery of person-centred support approaches. The post-holder will work under the supervision and guidance of designated staff whilst developing effective approaches in the management of more complex casework. The post holder will actively promote the work of Cumberland Council, internally and externally, on the development and delivery of continuously improving modern and competitive services for the citizens of Cumberland.

Key job specific accountabilities

1. To assess the needs of customers and their carers and ensure the development and delivery of personalised support to meet the Council's statutory obligation for the protection and support of adults who have social care needs.
2. In collaboration with customers, carers and others, implement the approaches of Personalisation through the use of mechanisms such as Personal budgets, individual service funds and direct payments.
3. Providing standard and non-standard interventions, such as advice, guidance, and direct support to customers
4. Work with relevant professionals and agencies within a given locality or district to ensure that assessment, support, and care delivery services are as seamless and timely as possible. This will require knowledge of the assets and services within localities to meet the outcomes identified for those requiring support.
5. Practice within the relevant national legislation, professional standards of practice and organisation policies and procedures and ensure compliance with care/clinical governance principles.
6. To ensure the effective implementation of the Council's strategy for the protection of vulnerable adults by following established procedures to ensure the personal protection and safety of adults at risk. This will involve an ability to assess and plan the support to promote the safeguarding of vulnerable adults.

7. To manage a mixed caseload, which may include some situations where complex and contentious circumstances arise. In these circumstances, work under the guidance and support of more experienced practitioners and engage the wider multi-disciplinary agencies/resources as required and appropriate.
8. Demonstrate effective communication skills including an ability to discuss and explain sensitive information with customers and carers and produce clear accurate and factual written reports and records. These records must also clearly illustrate the decision making rationale. Demonstrable information technology skills/competencies.
9. Work to the principles and standards identified in 'The Standards we Expect' which underlines the importance of 'communication' as being at the centre of effective practice.
10. To undertake continuous professional development required to meet registration with the appropriate registering body. To see opportunities for professional and personal development as identified and agreed in appraisal and ongoing supervision.
11. To contribute to team working and development of actions to improve standards and outcomes for customers. This will include use of audit measures to support evidence based practice. Develop professional practice collaboratively with a wide range of stakeholders, including senior colleagues.
12. To review individual support plans and monitor outcomes and recommend any necessary adjustments, to ensure the most effective support for personalised outcomes.

Please note annual targets will be discussed during the appraisal process

Key facts and figures of the post

Budget Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -
Staff Management Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To contribute towards the support and guidance of less experienced team members, students, and other professionals from external agencies as appropriate.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make the most effective use of available resources, particularly those which lie within local communities.

Essential Criteria - Qualifications, knowledge, experience and expertise

- Accredited Professional qualification in Health, Social Care, or related area Registration with appropriate professional body Evidence of ongoing professional development/CPD within the last 2 years
 - Assessment for and delivery of support services Experience of case-load management and planning/implementation of interventions for allocated cases Contribute to work planning and resource allocation
 - Awareness and application of Departmental and Council objectives and initiatives Knowledge and understanding of own professional area of practice and issues within Adults Services Understanding and application of theoretical approaches, practices & procedures relevant to customers, carers, professional colleagues Awareness of national policies Track record of achievement of working with diversity Complex/high risk case management Ability to identify and challenge inappropriate practice and legislation relevant to area of work. Understanding of the need to balance risk and safety
 - Ability to influence people to change and to make difficult decisions Good interpersonal skills including negotiating, conciliating, people management and motivational skills Good communication skills – written, verbal in a range of situations working with customers, carers, colleagues and stakeholders Ability to create innovative, person centred solutions with customers and their carers Ability to create and maintain a culture that enables and empowers staff and customers alike The ability to plan interventions to be implemented for customers individually Plans for and prioritises own case-work Good time management/punctuality and ability to work to deadlines Ability to network effectively with multi-disciplinary organisations
 - Information technology skills
 - Ability to travel extensively throughout the County
- Desirable**
- Specialist qualification/training relevant to area of work.
 - Specialist knowledge relating to area of work. Work in a multi-disciplinary environment independent case-load management and planning/implementation of interventions for allocated cases Change management within a positive framework
 - Track record of achievement of working with diversity Complex/high risk case management Ability to identify and challenge inappropriate practice
 - Experience of cases which may be complex and high risk Delivery of training and advice to others.

Disclosure and Barring Service – DBS Checks

- This post requires a DBS check.
- The level of check required is:
 - DBS Enhanced – Adults

Job working circumstances

Emotional Demands

- Job related actions will periodically cause genuine distress to others or in major conflict with their wishes.

Physical Demands

- Normal requirement for county wide travel and carry laptop and small pieces of equipment

Working Conditions

- Specific abusive language and aggressive behaviour witnessed regularly, directed at postholder occasionally
- Working in an uncontrolled, challenging environment, in individuals' homes
- Lone working required

Other Factors

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